

Side Small Arms Protective Insert

DESCRIPTION

Side Small Arms Protective Insert (Side SAPI) is an additional modular component for the Family of Ballistic Protection Systems and provides an increased area of coverage to the side torso area. This protection is accomplished by fielding ballistic plates inserted into ballistic carriers. The ballistic carriers are attached to the MOLLE weave on the outside of the Outer Tactical Vest or inserted into the ballistic carriers integrated into the Modular Tactical Vest. The Side SAPI is fielded as a set of two 6"x8" ballistic plates and two ballistic carriers. For larger Marines, the ballistic carrier is capable of carrying the Extra Small Enhanced Small Arms Protective Insert (E-SAPI) plate.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Side SAPI has been proven to increase greatly the survivability of Marines on the battlefield. The lives of numerous Marines, sailors and soldiers have been saved during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom as a result of using Side SAPI plates.

PROGRAM STATUS

The original acquisition objective of 28,882 sets was completed during FY 2005. During FY 2006, the acquisition objective was increased to 141,199 sets. Fielding of Side SAPI began in FY 2006, with Full Operational Capability slated for fourth quarter FY 2007.

Procurement Profile:	FY 2007	FY 2008
Quantity (sets):	TBD	TBD

Developer/Manufacturer:
Ballistic Plate
Armor Works, Tempe, AZ
Ceradyne, Costa Mesa, CA
Diamondback Tactical, Glendale, AZ
Simula Safety Systems, Phoenix, AZ

Ballistic Carrier
MED-ENG, Ontario, Canada
Protective Products International, Sunrise, FL
Simula Safety Systems, Phoenix, AZ